

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) A combination comprising:

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- (a) a window frame comprising a fixed frame section and a movable sash section; wherein said movable sash section includes an edge which overlaps said fixed frame section; and wherein said fixed frame section defines an opening of given dimensions;
  - (b) a screen mesh having side edges and having a size and shape approximating that of said opening, wherein said side edges of said screen mesh extend beyond said opening of said fixed frame section;
  - (c) a first fastener strip secured to said side edges of said screen mesh;
  - (d) a second fastener strip secured directly to said fixed frame section opposing said edge of said sash section in a manner such that said given dimensions of said opening in said fixed frame section are not reduced;

wherein said first and second fastener strips comprise hook and loop fasteners; wherein said side edges of said screen mesh are aligned with said fixed frame section around said opening; and wherein said first fastener strip is detachably secured to said second fastener strip, whereby said screen mesh covers said opening without reducing said given dimensions of said opening in said fixed frame section.

Please add the following new claims:

B5 5. A combination in accordance with claim 4, wherein said

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fixed frame section includes an inwardly extending portion which is overlapped by said sash section; and wherein said second fastener strip is secured directly to said inwardly extending portion of said fixed frame section.

6. A combination in accordance with claim 4, wherein said fixed frame section and said sash section include complementary-shaped edges.

7. A combination in accordance with claim 4, wherein said fixed frame section further includes a hardware housing portion; wherein said second fastener strip is secured directly to said housing portion; and wherein said sash section overlaps said housing portion.

8. A combination in accordance with claim 4, wherein said screen mesh and said opening in said fixed frame section are rectangular.

9. A combination in accordance with claim 4, wherein said screen mesh and said opening in said fixed frame section are non-rectangular.

10. A method for attaching a screen mesh to a window of the type including a fixed frame section and a movable sash section which includes a portion which overlaps said fixed frame section,

without reducing the viewing opening through said fixed frame section, the method comprising the steps of:

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- (a) providing a screen mesh having side edges and a shape corresponding generally to said viewing opening, wherein said side edges extend slightly beyond said viewing opening;
  - (b) securing a first fastener strip to said side edges of said screen mesh;
  - (c) securing a second fastener strip directly to said fixed frame section around said viewing opening and opposing said sash section in a manner such that the dimensions of said viewing opening are not reduced;
  - (d) aligning said screen mesh with said fixed frame section around said viewing opening; and
  - (e) mating said first fastener strip on said side edges of said screen mesh with said second fastener strip to secure said screen mesh to said fixed frame section;

wherein said first and second fastener strips comprise hook and loop fasteners.

Remarks

Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner had previously rejected claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lazarek (U.S. Patent 3,753,458) which was first cited in the Office Action mailed April 13, 2001. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Lazarek reference.